



# St John's C of E Middle School Academy

Dear Parent/Carer

We hope that this letter finds you, and your family, safe and well. On Tuesday we welcomed back a number of our St John's Family and it was wonderful to see more children in school. A school just isn't the same without children. Thank you to all of you for supporting the staggered start and finish times as these have been really successful. We have been so proud of the maturity shown by the children and they deserve credit for the way that they have adapted to the new style of school with the bubbles and increased expectations.

We want to keep our parents fully informed and feel that we should let you know that we were notified that one of our pupils would be self-isolating as would the family, in line with NHS advice after a positive test for COVID-19. The family of the student were extremely diligent and informed the school office immediately meaning that none of the 'bubbles' were affected as the student had not yet been in school. However, it brings our attention firmly back to the risks of the virus within our community and we want to take this opportunity to remind all parents and carers of the NHS advice.

Use the [111 online coronavirus service](#) if you have any of:

- high temperature
- new, continuous cough
- loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

You will be told what to do and they will help you get a test if you need one. Call 111 if you cannot get help online. Do not go to places like a GP surgery, hospital, pharmacy or bring your child into school.

**Please notify school if your child, or anyone in your family develops any of these symptoms. If you, or a family member are awaiting a test or displaying the above symptoms please do not bring your child into school.**

Details on what your test result means can be found at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/what-your-test-result-means/>

A person testing positive for COVID-19 must self isolate for 7 days from when the symptoms started. Anyone they live with, who does not have symptoms, must self-isolate for 14 days.

We recognise that this may make getting your child to school difficult, in a situation where the rest of the family is required to self-isolate for a further 7 days. In this event, please do not jeopardise the health of friends or relatives; keep the office updated if your child needs to remain at home for the duration of the household self-isolation.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support.

With very best wishes

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Head of School

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